

Message

Environment & Energy

From: Bloomberg
Environment -
Environment & Energy
Report
[bloomberg@bna.com]
Sent: 4/17/2018 10:38:16
PM
To: Duffy, Rick
[Duffy.Rick@epa.gov]
Subject: Environment & Energy
Report Highlights

**Bloomberg
Environment**

The Environment & Energy Report is brought to you by the EPA National Library Network. Please note, these materials may be copyrighted and should not be forwarded outside of the U.S. EPA. If you have any questions or no longer wish to receive these messages, please email epalibrarynetwork@epa.gov.

Highlights

LEADING THE NEWS

Swamped Flood Insurance Program Has the Tide Against It

By David Schultz

Nearly everyone on Capitol Hill acknowledges two facts about the federal flood insurance program: The status quo is totally unsustainable, and it probably won't change any time soon.

No Offshore Oil Royalty Cut, Interior Secretary Says

By Alan Kovski

Royalty rates for offshore oil and gas leases in U.S. federal waters will not be lowered despite the recommendation of an advisory panel, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced April 17.

Vehicle Emission Standards Rollback 'Absurd': California Governor

By Bobby Magill

California has the "legal horsepower" to block the EPA's efforts to roll back the state's auto emissions and fuel economy standards, which, if successful, could shift the global auto industry to China, Gov. Jerry Brown (D) said April 17.

EPA's \$43,000 Secure Phone Booth Came With Sound-Trapping Vents

By Ari Natter and Jennifer A. Dlouhy

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt's ultra-secure phone booth spans four feet across and four feet deep and was installed in a storage closet off his office. But it has the latest in acoustical accents, including a ventilation system designed to keep conversations from being overheard and "noise-lock" panels on the walls and ceiling.

Energy Department Turns Up Solar Power With \$105.5M (1)

By Ari Natter (Bloomberg), Bobby Magill (Bloomberg Environment) and Rebecca Kern (Bloomberg Environment)

The Energy Department will award \$105.5 million for about 70 solar research projects, the agency announced April 17.

EPA Won't Enforce Obama-Era Coolant Limits, Seeks Rewrite

By Abby Smith

The EPA will start from a blank slate as it weighs whether and how to limit refrigerant chemicals that are potent greenhouse gases, but it's unclear if the agency will provide the long-term certainty industry is seeking.

State Environmental Agencies' New Leader Stresses Efficiency

By Amena H. Saiyid

The new head of the Environmental Council of States is taking a cue from the EPA's playbook.

Australian Recyclers Feeling Crushed by China's New Rules

By Murray Griffin

Australia's recycling industry is in crisis mode and faces uncertainty as China's tough new restrictions on imports of recyclables disrupt their business model.

TODAY'S NEWS

EPA Promises Cities Direction on Bypassing Water Pollution Controls

By Amena H. Saiyid

City water systems inundated with stormwater and sewage during heavy rains will soon get direction from the EPA on when they can bypass pollution treatment requirements.

EPA Chemical Safety Rule Delay on Thin Legal Ground, Groups Say

By Sam Pearson

A list of delayed agency actions stretching back decades does little to settle questions of whether the EPA acted appropriately in delaying a chemical safety program, environmental groups said in a court filing April 16.

White House Energy Aide Catanzaro Will Return to Lobbying Firm

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy

Michael Catanzaro, a chief architect of President Donald Trump's energy policy, is leaving the White House and returning to his former lobbying firm.

Sunoco's \$12.6M Pipeline Fine to Fund Pennsylvania Water Grants

By Leslie A. Pappas

A record \$12.6 million penalty paid by Sunoco Pipeline LLP for permit violations during its Mariner East 2 pipeline construction will fund a new

Pennsylvania grant program for clean-water projects, state officials announced April 17.

U.S. Wind Growth Slows Thanks to Tax Policy Meant to Boost It

By Jim Efstathiou Jr.

U.S. wind installations dipped for the second consecutive year in 2017, thanks to tax policies aimed at boosting the use of clean energy.

Economy Gains, But Plant Profits Fall From Carbon Trading: Report

By Gerald B. Silverman

The Northeast's cap-and-trade program generated \$1.4 billion in net economic benefits over the past three years for nine states, even though electric power plants in the region took a \$350 million hit to their revenues, according to a report released April 17.

Big Oil Bids to Burnish Credentials in War on Climate Change

By Kelly Gilblom

The world's biggest oil companies, for long typecast as villains of climate change, are seeking to reinvent themselves as environmental pioneers.

First Commercial LNG Cargo from U.S. East Coast Hits the Seas

By Ryan Collins

The first export of natural gas from the U.S. East Coast has set sail.

The Greenest States Tend to Be Blue

By Chris Martin

Vermont, known for its granola-adoring citizens and hippie ice cream magnates, provides the most sustainable lifestyle in the U.S., according to a new study.

Alberta Plan to Cut Oil Shipments Would Ripple Across West Coast

By Robert Tuttle

Alberta's plan to cut crude and fuel shipments to British Columbia could ripple across the entire west coast of North America, causing pump prices to surge and shifting the flow of international crude.

Billion-Dollar Bidding War Erupts for a Prized Brazil Utility

By Vanessa Dezem

It seems like everybody wants to buy Eletropaulo.

New Emissions Test Could Raise Car Taxes, EU Automakers Warn

By Joe Kirwin

The cost of some cars will rise considerably if European Union members increase vehicle taxation based on new carbon emissions testing methods, a coalition of automakers warned.

France Confirms Plan to Cut Cost of Existing Offshore Wind Deals

By Francois de Beaupuy

France confirmed plans to renegotiate deals it struck to build offshore wind farms, potentially cutting the cost of projects underway with groups led by Electricite de France SA, Engie SA and Iberdrola SA.

Audi Joins French Quest for Biofuels That Won't Challenge Food

By Francois de Beaupuy and Ania Nussbaum

A German luxury carmaker and a French biotech company have joined forces to solve the two big problems that have been holding back biofuels.

France Says Support for Its Minimum Carbon Floor Plan Is Growing

By Brian Parkin, Anna Shiryayevskaya and Mathew Carr

French Deputy Environment Minister Brune Poirson said her nation's proposal for a minimum carbon price is gaining support from other countries.

Trump's LNG Sales Pitch Gets Lukewarm Reception in Germany

By Brian Parkin and Anna Shiryayevskaya

President Donald Trump's overtures to Germany to buy U.S. liquefied natural gas instead of more Russian fuel got a cool response from the European nation.

German Coalition Plans to 'Massively Restrict' Glyphosate Uses

By Iain Rogers (Bloomberg) and Agnieszka de Sousa (Bloomberg)

Germany has drawn up legislation that will "massively restrict" the use of glyphosate in farming and garden centers, Agriculture Minister Julia Kloeckner said in an emailed audio statement.

EU Wins Poland Logging Ban as Standoff Over Rule of Law Evolves

By Stephanie Bodoni and Ewa Krukowska

The European Union won a court battle against Poland over logging in one of the continent's last primeval forests, underscoring their strained relations as they seek to resolve a wider conflict over democratic values.

Israel Minister Seeks End to Coal, Diesel and Gasoline by 2030 (Corrected)

By Matthew Kalman

Israel's energy minister unveiled an ambitious plan to end all coal-fired production of electricity and halt imports of gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles by 2030 in a bid to eradicate most of the country's air pollution.

Key Japanese Anti-Nuclear Governor Considering Stepping Down

By Stephen Stapczynski

A Japanese governor who opposes the restart of the world's biggest nuclear power plant in his prefecture said he may step down, a potential boost to the nation's pro-nuclear efforts and its largest utility.

Troubled Gupta Coal Mines Threaten South Africa With Power Cuts

By Ana Monteiro and Thembisile Dzonzi

South Africa's state-owned power utility is working with the National Treasury to source more coal for seven of its plants that don't have adequate supply, raising the specter of a return to rolling power cuts that have periodically slowed the economy since 2008.

Companies Eager to Start Fracking in Australia's Northern Territory

By Murray Griffin (Bloomberg Environment)

Fracking is coming to Australia's Northern Territory, and gas producers, such as Santos Ltd. and Origin Energy, couldn't be happier.

Temasek Chips in \$3.7 Billion to Help Bayer Fund Monsanto Deal

By Klaus Wille

Singapore's state-owned investment firm Temasek Holdings Pte is spending 3 billion euros (\$3.7 billion) to help Bayer AG finance its planned takeover of U.S. competitor Monsanto Co.

Europe Tackles Greenhouse Gases Left Out of Trading Program

By Stephen Gardner

Two more pieces of the European Union's climate change policy dropped into place after the European Parliament signed off on laws targeting the 60

percent of greenhouse gas emissions not covered by the bloc's trading program.

MONDAY NIGHT WRAPUP

Zinke's \$12,375 Charter Flight Draws Scrutiny in Audit

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke could have avoided spending \$12,375 on a charter flight following a speech last year to a National Hockey League team owned by a former campaign contributor, according to an audit by the agency's inspector general.

Rex Energy Deadline Looms After Warning of Possible Bankruptcy

By Allison McNeely

Rex Energy Corp. is running out of time to reach a restructuring agreement with creditors after the driller warned it could file for bankruptcy shortly.

Pipeline Dispute Escalates as Alberta Readies Oil Embargo

By Kevin Orland

Alberta introduced legislation allowing it to halt exports of oil and gas to neighboring British Columbia, ramping up pressure on the coastal province to drop its opposition to Kinder Morgan Inc.'s pipeline expansion.

Bloomberg Environment

1801 South Bell Street, Arlington, VA 22202

Copyright © 2018 The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.

[Manage Your Subscriptions](#)

[Unsubscribe](#)

[Web Version](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

[Terms of Service](#)